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SENT: April 26, 1934
TO: Embassies in U.S., Great Britain, China, Manchoukuo,
Peiping; Consulates-Generals and Consulates in
Tsingtao, Nanking, Foochow, Amoy, Canton, Tientsin,
Tsinan, Hongkong, Hankow.

FROM: FOREIGN MINISTER HIROTA

SUBJECT: Conversation between the Foreign Minister and the
U.S. Ambassador concerning International Cooperation
in China

Circular No. 459 (Simplified Code)

Availing myself of the opportunity of Ambassador Grew's call on me on the 25th on other business, and considering it fitting to explain our attitude voluntarily, I broached the subject of the informal announcement by a member of the Foreign Office recently to the press and told him that, as a matter of fact, I had no intention of making such an announcement and that it was not to be regarded as an official announcement. Further, I explained to him that the Japanese Government have no intention of disregarding the Nine-Power Treaty and therefore naturally respect the principles of the Open-Door and Equal Opportunity; that with regard to the commerce of the various Powers with China, so long as it is bona fide, they have not only no objection whatsoever but rather welcome it; but that while recently there are persons in various quarters who, from ulterior motives are scheming to sell various goods or to loan funds to China, activities of such nature gravely affect the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia, to which, in view

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of the geographical relations between China and Japan, Japan naturally cannot remain indifferent.

The American Ambassador replied that he understood fully the foregoing explanations.

TO BE RELAYED: From Embassy at London to all Embassies and Legations in Europe and to Geneva.
From Embassy at Washington to New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and Brazil.
From Embassy at Brazil to all Ministers in South America.

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in Japanese consisting of 2 pages and entitled "Telegram No. Go-459 from Hirota, Foreign Minister, to Ambassadors to U.S., England and Manchoukuo, Minister to China, Secretary of Legation of Peking, Consul-Generals at Tsintao, Nanking, Fuchow, Kuangtung, Tientsin, Tsinan, Hongkong and Hankow, and Consul at Amoy, despatched on April 26, 1934, concerning the interview between the Foreign Minister and the American Ambassador." is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 16th day of January, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of Official

Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo

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對支國際協力ニ關スル大臣米國大使會談ノ件
發電昭和九年四月二十六日

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南京、福州、厦門、廣東、
天津、濟南、香港、漢口、

略合第四五九號

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香港、漢口、
英ヨリ在歐各大使及壽府へ、米ヨリ盤育、市俄古、
桑港、加奈陀、玖馬、曼及伯へ電アリ又伯ヨリ
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